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Mary Reinbolt

Robert Beard and wife Joan jogged to get in shape for their European tour.



CYCLING in Europe

with
Robert Beard

"It was a trip of people, the kind of thing where a person could stand up at the end and say, 'I did it. I accomplished something and I touched the lives of others.' "Robert Beard, assistant professor of physical education said after returning from a 36-day bicycle and public transportation tour of Europe which he and his wife Joan led.

Sponsored by American Youth Hostels, Inc. (AYH), the trip took the cyclists, ages 15-25, from Rome to London, passing through Switzerland, the Black Forest in Germany, and quaint fishing villages along the French coast. It was one of a number of package tour plans offered by AYH, a division of International Youth Hostels Federation (IYHF).

The IYHF is an organization "designed for people who want to travel under their own steam," Beard said. To provide lodging for those persons, IYHF has established a worldwide network of 4,500 inexpensive, supervised housing units called youth hostels.

Most of the hostels the Beards and their cyclists stayed in had separate men's and women's dormitories, each providing facilities, a kitchen, and a common room. Overnight lodging generally cost between 90 cents and \$3.50.



All photo's by Mary Reinbolt

The challenge and fun of cycling is stressed by Beard in his classes.



Fixing a flat tire is one of the skills Beard teaches in his cycling class.



Beard goes over the route for the University cyclists.

Breakfast was usually included in the price, but the group members shared shopping and cooking responsibilities for the evening meal. Mrs. Beard explained that the day's cooks were given money each day to spend on food and would then ride into the European cities to shop for the group's dinner at the outdoor marketplaces. This had to be done before the markets closed for the afternoon siesta.

"More than once our cooks found they had only 10 minutes to shop for 16 people before the markets closed," laughed Mrs. Beard. "If that happened, we usually could count on cold sandwiches for supper."

Lights went out in the hostels every night at 11 p.m. according to Mr. Beard, who has been a serious cyclist for 14 years. The group members were ready for bed after a day of cycling 50 to 65 miles and sightseeing. It rained 27 of the 36 days, so the cyclists typically rode up a hill only to have to walk down the other side since the brakes on their 10-speed bicycles were ineffective when wet.

Apparently, however, steep hills and a frequent drizzle were not enough to dampen the spirits of the 16 Ohio bikers.

"Joan and I walked, jogged, and rode our bikes to get in shape for the trip," said Mr. Beard. "We also encouraged the kids to do the same. I'd say we brought them up to rather high levels of fitness, and fortunately, we had no difficulties on the trip."

To qualify as tour leaders, the Beards completed a week-long AYH national leadership course and have been active in AYH for a number of years.

Mr. Beard teaches cycling at the University and his wife often rides along with his classes.

From September 2 through 9, Mr. Beard will conduct the National AYH Leadership Training Course at Wintergarden Lodge. It is a required course for anyone, 20 to 40 years old, who might be interested in leading cycling tours.

Mr. Beard said the intensive course covers budgeting, meal planning, first aid, bicycle repair, the philosophy of cycling, and other related subjects. Participants can receive college credit and may contact Beard through the Department of Physical Education and Recreation for details.

In addition, Beard has served five years on the National Leadership Training Staff at the Wintergarden Lodge in Bowling Green. The facility is both an American Youth Hostel and a community lodge, the first in the nation to be built jointly by AYH and a municipality.

The European hostels turned out to be more than just a place for the tourists to lay their heads at night. Some, like the one in Rome which had been part of the Olympic village, were beautiful sights in themselves. At others, the nine women and seven men met new friends, other cyclists with whom they could trade maps or tips on places to visit.

To one member of the group, Brian Schuck, riding through the Black Forest was the best part of the trip. Schuck graduated in June from Bowling Green with a degree in popular culture. "With college behind me, I wanted to take some kind of trip," he explained. "Besides having a great time and becoming instant friends with 15 people, I learned some things about myself that really helped me."

Schuck now knows that he's a little tougher physically and mentally than he suspected he was. His interest in travel--and cycling--has picked up. Schuck, who works in the sociology department, would like to return to Europe someday.

And so would the Beards. "We'll lead another group, I'm sure," said Mr. Beard.

"Yes, maybe next summer," Mrs. Beard interjected with a smile.

Problems? There were a few, but the Beards manage to look back on them and chuckle.

"We never saw any cuts or abrasions, but there was an evening when most of the kids were stricken with a cross between diarrhea and dysentery." Beard recalled how terrible they felt and what a chore it was for some to make it to the bathroom, with only flashlights to guide them.

And then there was the day Mrs. Beard suffered five flat tires. Or the time one of the boys discovered, one-and-a-half hours after the group had left Paris, that he had left his billfold and passport under his mattress in that city.

Mr. Beard was elected to return with the boy on the unfamiliar subway, keeping in mind that the group was scheduled to be on a train for the next destination in a very short amount of time. The boy, his passport, billfold, and a disgruntled Mr. Beard made it back, but with almost no minutes to spare.

"So you see, our trip isn't really of places," Mr. Beard reflected. "It's of happenings and experiences with the group. It's the way the kids would pull together during the abrasive or cheerful moments. Where we were, in this city or that one, was only a pleasant backdrop for what was going on in our group." □

Mary Reinbolt

Home Ec Not For Women Only

Ron Russell stretches back from a desk piled high with papers, files and books. It is evident that he is a very busy man, like any other college administrator. However, Russell's job is somewhat unusual: He is chairman of the home economics department at Bowling Green State University.

Traditionally, home economics has been viewed as a woman's field, since its primary emphasis has been on home and family life. But Dr. Russell is evidence of the tremendous amount of change that has taken place within the home economics profession in the last several years.

Early home economists were concerned with the improvement of the quality of life for both the individual and the family. They attempted to work with families on the community level and with both boys and girls within the schools. They strove to establish home economics in all grade levels in the schools and to incorporate aspects of family life, child development, consumer education and other related subject areas into the curriculum.

Somewhere along the line, however, home economics became a subject limited to junior and senior high school girls and the only subjects emphasized were sewing and cooking; home economics on the primary level became virtually unheard of, while home economics on the secondary level became a frill.

But family life, women's rights and the economy have undergone radical changes since the early days of education in home economics. Many women and men, for example, have entered careers previously closed to members of the opposite sex; inflation has forced many homemakers to seek employment away from the home due to the need for additional income; many married couples have become more career-oriented and less child-oriented; and child abuse and the climbing divorce rate indicate that families are having problems with the stress and changes now being placed on the family.

Home economics is continuously responding to these societal changes as they influence home and family life, and Dr. Russell is an example of a home economist who has responded to such change. As a professional and as a family member, he participates in a "dual-career family," since his wife, Bea, is administrative assistant to the vice dean of extension and advanced programs in the College of Education.

Dr. Russell's teaching and research interests also reflect interest and concern for the impact of societal changes on the family. His major teaching interests are related to family life, mainly in the areas of family systems, family intervention, adult development and interpersonal skills. His research



Ron Russell has entered a traditionally female area as the new chairman of the Home-Ec. Dept.

in the areas of adolescent-parent interaction and mid-life career change is related to societal concerns as well as to his personal and family experiences.

Currently, as chairman of the department of home economics at BGSU, Dr. Russell is concentrating on "increasing the overall effectiveness of the various programs within home economics at both the graduate and the undergraduate level." While still relatively new to the position (he came to the University from Texas Tech University and assumed the chairmanship on June 1, 1978), he has set in motion some procedures through which students and faculty will be able to increase their involvement in departmental decision-making.

Home economics as a profession is growing and expanding. Career opportunities are expected to increase in all areas of business, human services and research and in college-level education. The possibilities for careers in home economics are

unlimited. This university, as part of one of 350 colleges and universities educating home economics professionals, must respond to demands for professionals by upgrading and revising the degree programs, courses and facilities.

At BGSU there are presently 900 undergraduates pursuing 12 different degree options ranging from Child and Family Services to Fashion Merchandising to Restaurant Management. There are 45 graduate students pursuing a Master of Education degree in the Career and Technology Education program. It is hoped that as the undergraduate program continues to expand, the graduate programs will also be able to grow and develop to meet the demand for home economists with advanced degrees. □

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Though most Bowling Green students are no doubt familiar with the University Bookstore, the BeeGee Bookstore, and the Student Book Exchange (SBX), they may not understand buying and selling policies of the stores.

Prices offered by the bookstores for new and used books are nearly identical.

Each store uses the same price lists in determining the prices of new and used textbooks, as well as the prices offered students when they return used books.

The stores offer new books at list price. Used books, however, retail at 75 per cent of the list price. Students are paid half the list price for used books sold back to the stores, but this payment only applies to the end of a particular quarter. At other times students will receive a lower wholesale price, or less.

Inflation plagues the book business. However, according to John J. Buckenmyer, manager of the University Bookstore, inflation is not out-of-proportion to inflation in other goods, as commonly believed.

According to Larry E. Reece, manager of the BeeGee Bookstore, students can expect to pay an average of \$13.95 for new hardback texts, and between \$8.95 and \$10 for new paperback texts.

Teachers at the University often receive free "complimentary copies" of texts, and these texts sometimes find their way back into the market. Buckenmyer says that the University Bookstore will not buy back books stamped "complimentary copy." However, Steve Donnelly of SBX and Reece

say that their stores buy such copies which, Reece said, "go out onto the shelves, the same as any other used book."

University professors and instructors have also been known to switch required books during the course of a year. This means a student may be left "holding" the book, unless there is some need for it.

The University Bookstore, largest of the three, is located on campus in the Student Services Building. During the year it employs 23 regular workers (including part-time) and between eight and ten students during the year.

Each summer, incoming freshmen are encouraged to buy their books at the University Bookstore during pre-registration. According to Buckenmyer, this is done "simply because we are geared up to handle that large number of people then."

Buckenmyer adds that brochures from the other stores are made available to incoming freshmen at pre-registration.

The two stores are both part of the Student Book Exchange, a chain that has a number of stores throughout Ohio and Michigan. This marketing technique is used so that both ends of campus can be served, according to Reece.

The BeeGee Bookstore employs five or six students during the year, and more at the beginning of quarters, when business is heaviest.

SBX is the smallest of the three stores, employing two to four students during the year. However, though it is physically smaller than the other two stores, Donnelly says that SBX's text book inventory is just as complete as inventories of the other two. □

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Student at Disneyland

Frank Cosenza, a student at the University and resident of South Euclid, Ohio is appearing at Disneyland this summer as a member of the Park's All-American College Marching Band.

Frank, a Music Education student, was selected from over 3,500 applicants throughout the United States to take part in Disney's Entertainment Work Experience Program.

Correction

Last week in the soundies story, some statements actually obtained from materials located in the Audio Center were mistakenly attributed to Dan Axt.

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According to Thomas Glick, associate director of admissions, the recent statistics show that there will be 3,657 incoming freshmen. About 250 of these students will be commuters. In keeping with University policy, the remaining 3,407 students, along with returning sophomores, must be given on-campus housing.

"The students may not get what they want, but they will have somewhere to live"

The problem is that there is a greater number of students pending admission, due to late records, than in the past. In addition, more students participated in the pre-registration program this year than before. This fact leads the administration to believe that the cancellation rate will be lower than usual.

Mr. Glick commented that "cancellations are an important factor and housing is going to be a problem." The admissions office expects an increase in the freshman class size when the final registration takes place on September 15.

Robert Rudd, director of housing for the University, stated that "we reached our limit earlier than in the past. When admissions were about to be closed, there were already 130 individuals on the waiting list. By June 1st, the list increased to 186." This increase is said to be due to late registration, the return of former students, and additional transfer students.

"We have facilities to house 8,066 students on campus. With an overall enrollment of over 16,000, it is obvious that we cannot provide on-campus housing for everyone," Rudd added. Looking at these statistics, and keeping in mind the University policy that freshmen and sophomores must live on-campus, it is evident that many upperclass students will have to live off-campus.

Mr. Rudd commented that "there are approximately 5,000 students living off-campus. We have contacted area realtors and have discovered that there are still some vacancies. The students may not get what they want, but they will have somewhere to live."

According to Mr. Rudd, 93 freshman and sophomores who were on the waiting list were given on-campus housing before July 26. The remaining upperclassmen, were reminded that they were eligible for off campus living and were asked to consider that option.

Although Mr. Rudd maintains that the largest enrollment does not affect the upperclassmen, he stated that they are the individuals encouraged to move off campus. "We are trying to avoid three persons in the double rooms as well as five in the four-man rooms in Founders."

"This year, more upperclass students elected to live on campus, creating an even bigger problem"

What is the process of elimination used, when it comes to deciding who gets on-campus housing? It is more or less a "first come, first serve" policy. Those upperclass students who register for on-campus housing first and pay the deposit soonest, are almost assured of housing. Those upperclass students who do not return their contracts and deposits prior to the deadline are turned away. Rudd said that, "this year, more upperclass students elected to live on campus, creating an even bigger problem."

An interesting fact that Mr. Rudd and other officials noticed is that fewer women than men wish to live off-campus. "There has been a resurgence of Alice Prout Hall as an all-upperclass women's dorm. Next year only 21 Prout residents are freshmen; the remainder are upperclass women. Men seem to want the independent life of off-campus living." He added that since women drop out of school at a higher rate than men, the University tries to admit more students to keep the situation balanced. "Many students prefer having someone cook for them as opposed to off-campus living where they are faced with grocery shopping and cooking for themselves."

"In the future, we are expecting tremendous interest from students to live in Harshman and Kreischer, due to the new Recreation Center and Musical Arts Building," stated Rudd. "Experts feel that overall college enrollments will decrease in upcoming years, leaving empty dorms on most campuses. We don't view this as a serious problem at Bowling Green. In case this situation arises, the rooms in the smaller units like Conklin, Alice Prout, and McDonald North, will be sold as single units. We may lose money, but it will be better than closing the dorms altogether," Rudd said. □

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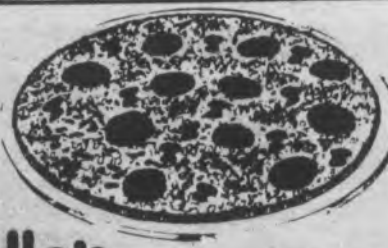
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"Ladyhouse Blues": A Woman's Point of View

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"Ladyhouse Blues" will be performed by five University summer students (all women - mostly graduate students), under the direction of Diann Matheson, doctoral student, veteran director and actress at University Theatre, and Paula Geyser, technical director.

The play set in 1919, takes place in St. Louis.

The play is unusual, Ms. Matheson said, and "extremely strong for women," because it is a recent play with an all-female cast, and exemplifies the struggles women go through.

Struggles in the play revolve around a mother, Liz, (played by Meredith Flynn), and her four daughters, Dot, Eylie, Helen, and Terry.

The girls' mother, a very traditional woman, has been widowed for many years. Her husband died of tuberculosis, a disease which now plagues her daughter Helen (portrayed by Donna L. Dacus).

Further problems arise as Elly, 16, (performed by Elizabeth Allen) becomes anxious to get married and leave the nest to go to California.

Dot (portrayed by Martha Boose) is a New York model, married and pregnant, who has returned home for a summer visit; and Terry (portrayed by Susan Disbrow) is a liberated woman, fighting for women's rights.

Casting for plays is harder in the summer, Ms. Matheson said, and so is getting an audience.

Although a lot of University actors went to Huron Playhouse for the summer, "Ladyhouse Blues" does have an experienced and talented cast, she said.

"I think this play is unique because it gives a woman's point of view," Ms. Matheson commented.

Tickets for "Ladyhouse Blues" may be purchased for 50 cents at the door on the night of the show. ☐ Linda Berke



A widowed mother and her daughters are portrayed by five University students in the University Theatre's summer production, "Ladyhouse Blues."

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Editorial: Rec Center Changes Needed

It all started on Nov. 6, 1975 when the University Board of Trustees unanimously approved the construction of the new Student Recreation Center. Many questions and controversies have since taken place and I'm sure many more will follow.

Supposedly, all decisions concerning the facility are to be made by a council representative of the campus community. However, this is not true. The student body is represented by seven undergraduates (three are commuters and three graduate students. Six of the members are men and three are women. Obviously, this is not proportionate to the student body.

Only 44 per cent of the students at the University are men, while 56 per cent are women. There are no athletes on the committee, no black students, one member of a sorority, and one phys-ed major. (It should be noted that no black students applied for a position on the council, according to Ben McGuire, Director of Recreation. Of the undergraduate members, one is a freshman, one is a sophomore, and the rest are juniors. There is also one faculty and one staff member on the council both of whom are men.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is responsible for selecting a screening council to choose the members of the Recreation Center council. Last year's screening council chose people who are, in my opinion, anti-athletic. I know, I know the Center's first priority is to provide recreational facilities, not intercollegiate athletics facilities. However, I think things have gotten a little out of hand.

For those of you who may not remember, let me refresh your memories. First, the intercollegiate track teams fought to have a 220-yd banked track in the Center. Well, at least they got a 190-yd banked track, but, of course, it's first use is for recreation.



Samuel Cooper Pool still needs to be painted before being filled. The pool will not be tiled because of cost.

The next case is interesting indeed. The Samuel Cooper Pool is 50 meters in length and 25 yards in width, and is not tiled. It is equipped with a Colorado Timing System, one-meter and three-meter springboards, a five and seven and a half meter diving platform tower, four underwater observation stations and seating for 1,300 spectators. But, the first priority for the pool is recreation swimming, with the swimming and diving teams getting fourth priority. There are 14 men's and women's intercollegiate meets scheduled for this winter in which the University's teams will compete. However, I got the feeling at the council's meeting last Sunday, Aug. 6, that the members felt these meets would be taking up too much recreation swimming time.

Also at the meeting, the council received bids for use of the pool for several high school district meets, as well as a bid to host the Women's State Intercollegiate Meet. The bid for the women's high school district meet was passed without too much discussion.

The men's high school district swim meet and the women's state intercollegiate swim meet both requested the same date. Some explanation is necessary here to get the full effect. A rental rate would be charged to the men's district meet, but because the University would be hosting the women's state intercollegiate meet, the only money received would be from gate receipts, and only that money needed to cover the University's expenses. The discussion that followed was quite interesting.

One member of the Council suggested holding the men's high school meet instead of the women's intercollegiate meet (in which our women's team would take part) because of potential recruiting and p.r. My question is this: why would anyone want to recruit recreational swimmers? After all, the first priority is for recreation, right? After much discussion, it was decided that the women's state meet would be held.

I see an even bigger problem with the diving area of the pool. How many recreation divers attend the University, and how many students even know how to use a diving platform? Probably none. And what about AAU or national diving meets? Obviously none will be held at the University because 10-meter platforms are used in these competitions. But then again, the first priority is recreation.

Don't get me wrong. I think the new Rec Center is sorely needed on this campus not only for recreation, but for some intercollegiate athletics as well. And I do think most people would agree that our varsity swimming and diving teams desperately need an up-dated facility.

But there are some things that could stand a little improvement. When Mike Voll's administration chooses a new Rec Center Council, I think they should choose a council more representative of the student body as a whole—both pro-athletics and anti-athletics, Black students, Greeks and women should have more representation.

The present Council is doing a good job, but I feel there should be a little more give and take with the priorities of the pool. It would be nice to see a championship swim team at the University.

Enough changes have occurred with the Center since the original program statement was written in 1975, that some of the priorities could be rearranged. I think the students on this campus have been apathetic and anti-athletic long enough. Since we're building such a nice facility, why can't at least one team that would benefit the most from it have second or third priority in the use of it?

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